county, and said officers-elect shall enter upon their duties at the same time, and be subject to the same penalties prescribed for the same officers of other counties.

SEC. 6. That the justices of the peace, residing in the terri- Justices of the tory embraced in said county of Scotland, shall continue to peace. hold and exercise their offices, respectively, in the county of Scotland until their successors shall be elected, or appointed, and qualified according to law.

SEC. 7. That the justices of the peace of Richmond county How taxes shall meet, as provided by law, to make the tax levy for one levied. thousand eight hundred and ninety-six (1896), and shall make the levy for Scotland county at the same time; but no justice of the peace of the territory embraced by the county of Scotland shall be entitled to vote at said meeting for the election of any officer of Richmond county.

SEC. 8. That the justices of the peace, in and for the territory County commisembraced by said county of Scotland, shall assemble in the sioners elected. town of Laurinburg, on the second Monday in June, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-six, and elect three (3) commissioners for said county, who shall enter upon their duties on the first Monday in December thereafter, first being qualified by some justice of the peace, who shall certify such qualifications, and deliver his certificate, in such respect, to the clerk of said commissioners, who shall file the same among the records and papers of his office; and said commissioners, so elected, shall hold their offices, respectively, until their successors shall be elected and qualified, according to law.

SEC. 9. That the superior courts of the state shall have juris- Jurisdiction of diction in, and over said county of Scotland, as such county, on superior courts. and after the first Monday in December, Anno Domini one thousand eight hundred and ninety-six, to the same extent, and in the same manner, as the said courts have in and over the several counties of this state, and the said courts shall be within the seventh (7) judicial district, and a superior court therefor In 7th judicial shall be held on the last Monday in February, and on the eighth district.

Time of holding Monday after the first Monday in September of each year, courts. which last shall be a two (2) weeks' term; and all criminal cases now pending in the superior court of Richmond county, wherein the defendants are citizens of, or reside in said county of Scotland, and the offence charged was committed therein, shall be, on motion of defendants in said criminal cases, or the par- cases transties plaintiff or defendant, as the case may be, in said criminal ferred from Richmond eases, transferred to the superior court of said county of Scot-county. land for trial; and such transfer shall in no way work any Cases not to be prejudice; and all civil actions pending in the superior courts prejudiced by transfer, &c.